

Council, and the California Peace Officers Association. In addition, he teaches at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department North Academy at College of the Canyons.

But Chief Rivetti's involvement with San Fernando does not end with the workday. He is also a member of the San Fernando Kiwanis Club, the San Fernando Rotary Club, and the Northeast Valley Jeopardy Board of Directors. He is clearly someone who cares deeply for his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting San Fernando Police Chief Dominick Rivetti, a compassionate man who is devoted to his family and his work. His selflessness and dedication are an inspiration to us all.

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HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 1996*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest gifts that has been given to us is music. Music makes us laugh and brings us joy. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to a man who has brought much joy and laughter to all who know him, Mr. Jim Lepeak. On Sunday, October 6, Jim Lepeak will be inducted into the Michigan Polka Music Hall of Fame. A banquet and presentation will be held at the Western Fraternal Life Association Hall in Owosso, MI.

Born in 1929, music was in Jim's blood. His first instrument was a cigarbox with rubberbands stretched across it. At 7, he purchased a mail-order guitar that was too big for his fingers. When his father gave him a small accordion out of sympathy for his guitar plight, Jim took to it like a duck to water. He gave his first public performance after only three short lessons and quickly graduated to the 120 bass accordion which, to this day, is his treasured keepsake.

In the early 1940's, Jim joined the Floyd Talaga Polka Band and the Musician's Union. From that moment on, Jim knew that playing polka music was the path for him. Throughout his long career, Jim has been a member of many bands including Floyd Grocholski's Musical All Stars and Gary Taylor and the Happy Knights. During his many public appearances, Jim has played up and down the great State of Michigan entertaining people from Cobo Hall in Detroit to Sault Ste. Marie in the Upper Peninsula. The number of bands Jim has played in is exceeded only by the number of musical instruments he has mastered. Jim excels at playing not only the accordion but the bass guitar, mandola, Mandolin, piano, organ, drums, and violin. He has used his musical proficiency to record several CD's featuring polka music.

His career has had several interesting highlights, especially during his trips behind the Iron Curtain. In the course of one of his tours, his playing led to a snake dance through the Kasprawy Hotel in Zakopane, Poland, that lasted until 4 a.m. He has also entertained on the front deck of a boat on the Danube River in Budapest, Hungary, while the Captain danced the polka in the wheelhouse.

These days Jim calls himself semiretired while playing in a one-man band. He now devotes most of his weekdays playing at hos-

pitals, nursing homes, and senior sites. Jim also spends time with his charming wife, Illamae, and his four children, John, Joseph, Cynthia, and Gregory.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Lepeak has dedicated his life to bringing music and laughter to ours. He is a talented musician and a selfless volunteer. I want you and our colleagues to roll out a barrel of thunderous applause for Jim Lepeak and his induction into the Michigan Polka Music Hall of Fame.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
BOB WALKER FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 1996*

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished chairman from Pennsylvania, the Honorable BOB WALKER. For the past 20 years, BOB has been an outstanding representative for the people of Pennsylvania's 16th District.

Since 1978, I've had the pleasure and fun of serving and dealing with BOB. Let me say it here first, there has never been nor will there ever again be a Member quite like BOB.

I've gotten to know BOB pretty well from our work on the Science Committee. BOB has been and continues to be a devoted supporter and ally of science. He has done a marvelous job as chairman of the Science Committee, focusing the limited budget resources on sound science and basic research. I sincerely hope my friend will continue to provide his enthusiasm and counsel in helping develop science policy for many years to come.

BOB's impact has not been limited to science policy. He successfully got his drug-free workplace provision passed in the 100th Congress. In addition, he has had legislative success reforming product liability, antitrust, and intellectual property laws.

BOB has been a master of parliamentary procedure since he entered the House. His mastery forced the Democratic leadership for many years to plug parliamentary loopholes as quickly as BOB could use them. Many battles and victories were won because of BOB's parliamentary skills.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Honorable BOB WALKER for his outstanding service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

HONORING THE DEER PARK  
TERRORS SOFTBALL CHAMPS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 1996*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Deer Park Terrors, a team of very talented young softball players in my district who are the 1996 National Champions of Pony Softball, Pinto Division.

The Terrors finished with an amazing season record of 42 wins and only 4 losses, be-

coming not only the national champs but Texas ASA Pixie State Champions as well. Their division included players aged 7 and 8 during the season in which they played.

I want to congratulate all the team members for the hard work, dedication, and talent that resulted in their success. Team members are: Ashley Bryant, Jessica Barrera, Caitlin Sanders, Brittainy Richardson, Melissa Williams, Heather Barker, Jennifer Turner, Brooke Boudreaux, Shara Hoffman, Madelyne McCollum, Lauren Flynn, and Stephanie Bradley.

I also want to congratulate their manager, David Hoffman; their coaches, Mike Williams, Mark Barker, Orlando Turner, and Scott Bradley; and their team mom, Colleen Sanders. They provided training, encouragement, and support that were essential to the team's success.

To become national champions, the Deer Park Terrors had to win seven consecutive tournaments: Missouri City Shootout, Deer Park, Pasadena Pixie Turn-Up Classic, Texas ASA Pixie State Tournament, La Porte "Storm" Classic, Pony Regionals, and Pony National Pinto Division Championship.

This string of success wouldn't be possible without both tremendous individual talent and an incredible team effort. Congratulations to the Deer Park Terrors and best wishes for the continued success that I have no doubt the future will bring.

DISTINGUISHED CAREER AWARD  
TO KATHERINE C. ILL, M.D.

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 25, 1996*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the distinguished career of Dr. Katherine C. Ill, president of The Hospital for Special Care, a rehabilitation and long-term care facility in my hometown of New Britain, CT. Doctor Ill's career has truly been a personification of public service. For over 30 years, she has served The Hospital for Special Care and its community as a strong advocate at both the national and local levels, and has developed programs and policies that benefit persons with physical disabilities. It is because of her tireless dedication and unwavering support for improving the quality of life for these special populations that Doctor Ill is to receive the American Rehabilitation Association's prestigious Milton Cohen Distinguished Career Award this year.

Doctor Ill has been a visionary leader of The Hospital for Special Care since joining the staff in 1964. Her leadership qualities, continuous pursuit of excellence, and unshakable integrity were evident from the start, and she was named medical director of the hospital in 1966, and president and chief executive officer in 1986. She has been the architect for change throughout her career with the hospital and has led its transformation from a long-term chronic disease facility to an innovative, state-of-the-art center for rehabilitation, respiratory, and medically complex pediatric care.

Doctor Ill is well respected by her peers and is deeply appreciated by the men and women who are cared for at The Hospital for Special Care. She is also involved in various community and medical associations, with the same